

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE OF THE VICTIM COMPENSATION AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its Conflict-of-Interest Code. The purpose of these amendments is to implement the requirements of sections 87300 through 87302, and section 87306 of the Government Code.

The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board proposes to amend its Conflict-of-Interest Code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code.

This amendment (1) strikes the entire code text and replaces it with new text, (2) changes all references to the name of the Board to reflect the change from "Board of Control" to "Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board," (3) modifies the conflict-of-interest disclosure categories to more closely tailor them to the position responsibilities, and (4) makes other technical changes to reflect the current organizational structure of the Department. Copies of the amended code are available and may be requested from the Contact Person set forth below.

Any interested person may submit written statements, arguments, or comments relating to the proposed amendments by submitting them in writing no later than March 10, 2008, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later, to the Contact Person set forth below.

At this time, no public hearing has been scheduled concerning the proposed amendments. If any interested person or the person's representative requests a public hearing, he or she must do so no later than February 24, 2008, by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has prepared a written explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendments and has available the information on which the amendments are based. Copies of the proposed amendments, the written explanation of the reasons, and the information on which the amendments are based may be obtained by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.

3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

In making these proposed amendments, the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board must determine that no alternative considered by the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the amendments are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected persons than the proposed amendments.

All inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to:

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